

TO HIS  
**EXCELLENCY,**

*Thomas Lord Fairfax, Lord Generall, and the Councell  
of Officers:*

*The humble Petition of the wounded, maimed, sick Souldiers,  
Widdowes, and Orphants.*

*SHEWETH,*

**T**hat your Petitioners are become Objects of hatred, by serving the State, & our miseries aggravated in not having a sufficient subsistence, according to each mans degree; and what we have, lies at the pleasure, or displeasure of our Treasurers; divers amongst us not any thing, but forced away, to seeke their livelihoods elsewhere: neither is there constant provision for Medicines and other necessaries; likewise we are lyable to all Taxes and Duties whatsoever, being not able to undergo, and tyed to a personall attendance for our pensions. Also much indebted for want of our Arreares, and neglected by our Officers own employments, not being Souldiers.

May it please your Excellency and the Generall Councell to take your Petitioners Petition into consideration, that they may have a larger allowance, in reference to each mans quality, the certainty of our allowance established, equall provision for those unprovided for, no want of necessaries, constantly payed, weekly or quarterly, as our need shall require, freed from all Taxes and Duties, a speedy course for our Arreares, and such put in Office over us, as are Souldiers of known integrity.

*And they shall ever pray, &c.*

*Hatred.*

*Aggravated.*

*Degree.*

*Treasurers.*

*Not any thing.*

*Elsewhere.*

*Medicines.*

*Necessaries.*

*Taxes and*

*Duties.*

*A personall*

*Attendance.*

*Our Want of*

*Arreares.*

*Neglected.*

*Employment.*

**H**aving formerly lived Plentifully, and now beeing in a Condition of want, are become a Scorne.

Beeing necessitated to run in debt.

There beeing many Officers as well as private Souldiers are in a sad Condition alike.

Who Increase, and Deminish, our pay at their willes, and pleasures.

The aforesaid Treasures by their power keepe in, and turnes off whom they please at their own wills.

Sent into severall Counties amongst our enemies, who are more ready to destroy us, then to relieve us.

Divers amongst us are ready to perish for want of necessary Medicines, the Apothecarie not able to trust any more, and our Physitions and Chirurgions are ill provided for.

To them under cure, as Bedding, Linnen, and the like.

For which no president, a thing never heard of before, that any in our condition should pay Taxes and Duties.

By which meanes we are abridged from what accomodation our industrie, friends and the Countrey Ayre might afford us.

We having not wherewith to cloath our selves, dare not go abroad untill we have given satisfaction to our Creditors.

They being absent, many could not have the benefit as to others.

Having much Employments of their own, and being Eminent in the Citie, as Common Councell men, &c.

*Desires.*

That regard may be had as well to Officers as private Souldiers.

Set forth and confirme a sufficient maintenance.

That there may be justice, and no partiality.

Without which those under Cure cannot subsist.

To receive our Pensions by Certificate; That the Men and Orphants are living, and the Widdows unmarried.

It being dishonourable to our Nation, that men having no other livelyhood, should be lyable to Taxes and Duties.

That a course presently be taken for the payment of our Arreares; and that such who cannot procure their Certificates, their Officers being dead and gone away, equall Provisions may be made for them as to others.

Who are most sensible of our Condition, and will not neglect us:

*Larger allowance*

*Established.*

*Equall.*

*Necessaries.*

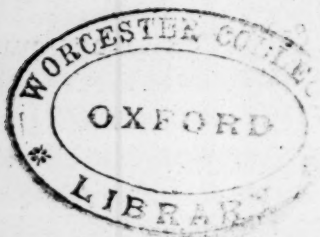
*Weekly or*

*quarterly.*

*Taxes and Duties*

*Arreares.*

*Souldiers.*



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